ring Company Limited, a public sector undertaking, has submitted a proposal for setting up a unit for integrated production of cine colour positive film and colour paper for a total annual capacity of 10 Million Sq. M. at an estimated cost of Rs. 190 crores.

No final decision has been taken by the Government in regard to the setting up of this project

Foreign collaborations

*374. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Economic Times, New Delhi, dated the 7th August, 1985 under the caption "No more foreign collaborations";

(b) if so, what are the facts in this regard and reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether it is a fact that one of the leading car manufacturers in the country has been pursuading Government not to encourage further tie-ups with a view to securing its own purposeful aims and objects; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons for not allowing further tie-ups with Indian parties to increase the production of modern cars for passengers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (d) The Government are committed to the modernisation of the automobile industry with a view to arranging free availability of good quality vehicles at reasonable prices. Foreign collaboration proposals, received from licensed units for achieving these objectives, are examined on considerations such as status of technology, indigenisation programme, payment terms, export potential and demand projection.

(c) No, Sir

Import of anti-Corrosion Technology

*375. SHRI KAPIL VERMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state·

(a) whether it is a fact that liberalised policies on import of technologies and goods from abroad is seriously endangering industries based on indigenous technologies and their equipment worth millions of rupees; and

(b) whether BHEL has entered into a deal with a foreign firm for purchase of anti-Corrosion technology?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI VEERENDRA PATIL): (a) Government's Policy towards import of technology is selective and based on national priorities. Import of technology is permitted in sophisticated and high priority areas, in export oriented or import substitution manufacturing or for enabling indigenous industry to update existing technology in India to meet efficiently domestic requirements and/or to become competitive in the export maket.

As regards import of capital goods, this is allowed only after detailed and careful scrutiny of applications by technical authorities from the indigenous angle and compliance with advertisement procedure.

(b) BHEL has entered into a Technical Collaboration Agreement with M/s. HARCO Corporation, USA for technology transfer of Cathodic Protection System.